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SUBJECT: ALGERIANS TAR "JEUNE AFRIQUE" WITH AMERICAN BRUSH

1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGERIE PRESSE SERVICE, CITING
SENEGALISE MONTHLY "AFRICA", REPORTED DECEMBER 21 THAT
WEEKLY "JEUNE AFRIQUE" HAD BEEN BOUGHT BY "THE
AMERICANS", THUS CAUSING REPLACEMENT OF AFRICAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF WITH FRENCHMAN.

2. APS ALSO QUOTED "AFRICA" AS NOTING THAT "THE
SOMETIMES STARTLING IDEOLOGICAL FLUCTUATIONS OF "JEUNE
AFRIQUE" HAVE BENEFITTED 'AFRIQUE-ASIE', WHICH HAS
THUS BEEN ABLE TO RALLY TO ITSELF THE AFRICAN
ELITE WITH ADVANCED IDEAS."

3. COMMENT: ON DECEMBER 22, LEADING GOVERNEMENT-OWNED
DAILY "EL-MOUDJAHID" HEADLINED "AFRICA" REPORT WITH
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UNEQUIVOCAL "JEUNE AFRIQUE BOUGHT BY AMERICANS", THUS
GIVING EVIDENCE OF YET FURTHER GOA HOSTILITY TO
MAGAZINE. GOA HAS BEEN UNHAPPY OVER "JEUNE AFRIQUE"
COVERAGE OF SAHARA AND OTHER ISSUES, AND MAGAZINE
HAS NOT BEEN APPEARING ON NEWSSTANDS FOR SOME MONTHS,
ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIBERS HAVE OCCASIONALLY

RECEIVED COPIES BY MAIL. NOW, ACCORDING TO FRIENDLY
AMBASSADOR, EVEN THESE HAVE RECEIVED FORMAL LETTERS
FROM "JEUNE AFRIQUI" ATTRIBUTING ITS INABILITY TO
CONTINUE SERVING ITS ALGERIAN READERS TO GOA
CENSORSHIP. THIS OPEN DECLARATION OF WAR WILL CERTAINLY
ENSURE THAT, AL LEAST IN ALGERIA, COMPETITOR "AFRIQUE-
ASIE" WILL REIGN SUPREME.

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